British Bee Venom

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BRITISH-BEE-VENOM

Introduction A year has elapsed since we offered this treatment for rheumatism, and much additional evidence has now supported its value.

The results obtained already have proved that British-Bee-Venom, properly administered, has a markedly beneficial effect on rheumatism. Relief has been reported after the second or third injection. The present leaflet is compiled to explain the rationale of this treatment.

History Following reports that bee keepers appeared immune from rheumatism, a serious investigation commenced by continental workers —Terc, 1888 ; Kretschy, Pollak, Freund, Krebs, Wasserbrenner, Kroner ; in France—Lemarche, 1908 ; Maderly, 1910 ; Bouquet, 1924 ; Jubleau, 1925 ; and Molinery, 1925 ; in Switzerland—Roche de Geneve, 1928 ; and in America—Bodog F. Beck, 1935.

The Use of Live Bees At first, patients had to be stung purposely by live bees, a method neither pleasant for the sufferer, nor convenient to the medical man. During the winter when bees were not available all treatment ceased, although rheumatism is particularly prevalent at that season.

Injectable Bee Venom Subsequently several continental manufacturers produced an injectable bee-venom. We believe, however, that we are the sole British laboratory making such a product, and that British-Bee-Venom is the only treatment given by simple injection—intradermally, subcutaneously or intramuscularly.

Method of Action In order to ascertain which is the active portion of the bee-venom, protein free venom was prepared. This gave results as effective as the normal venom. The frequency with which the joints

are affected in Rheumatism is due to the local stasis of the blood circulation. The therapeutic value of the venom relies on the fact that it causes dilatation of the capillaries with increased blood flow and all that the blood contains to the part involved. Clinical effects with the venom confirm this. The circulation of the part being increased by the treatment.

" British-Bee-Venom " " British - Bee - Venom " is the natural venom of the bee, purified and free from all deleterious material. It is put up in normal carbolised saline, and contains no formic acid or other adulterant. Therefore there is no fear of dermatitis, etc., except in the very rare cases of those specifically sensitive to bee stings.

Treatment Sets A treatment is offered which is simple, painless, easy of administration, without in any way jeopardising the therapeutic value of the venom. It is in the form of a course of twelve ampoules.

Each dose (slightly under 1 c.c.) is carefully graduated, and can be administered by a 1 c.c. hypodermic syringe. The frequency in the normal patient is two to three injections per week. Two courses are supplied—" Normal " and " Strong," but in no case should treatment be commenced with the " Strong " course.

Contra-Indications The injections of British-Bee-Venom into patients suffering from Syphilitic, Tuberculous or Gonorrhœal affections is contra indicated. If large local reactions occur one of these conditions may be suspected.

Stages in Treatment Bodog F. Beck emphasizes the occurrence of three definite stages during the course of treatment :

1. The first stage prepares the patient by small doses to receive later the larger therapeutic doses. At first, some local irritation and slight swelling at the site of the

injection may be caused, but without serious discomfort. Even during this initial period beneficial results are often noted.

2. During the second stage the patient becomes well able to withstand the increasing dosage without further local reaction, and improvement sets in.

3. Clinical improvement is marked. An increased blood flow to the part may give rise to the possibility of focal reaction. This is a favourable symptom and passes off in a few days with still further improvement.

Throughout the course the patient will probably have a feeling of increased well-being due to the cardio-tonic effect of the venom, and the usual psychological uplift from the loosening of joints and the general improvement. If there is a bacterial infection present 2 c.c. doses of our preparation "Antibacsyn" (a Eu-globulin antibody stimulant) given on the same day as the British-Bee-Venom will materially assist in affording permanent relief. Any adjuvent treatment, such as massage, electricity and brine baths, used to assist treatment of the muscles and joints, can be administered at the same time. Alcohol nullifies the effect of the venom and should not be allowed.

Method of Treating the Various Forms of Rheumatism

(1) **Fibrositis**—Usually British-Bee-Venom is all that is required to treat these cases. In old standing cases one or two doses of "Antibacsyn" should be given. Care should be taken that renal and bowel functions are well maintained. Where resistance to bee-venom is low and there is a general feeling of tiredness after the injection, it is advisable to prolong the duration between doses, giving them once instead of twice per week.

(2) **Lumbago, Sciatica, and Neuritis**—Marked improvement results especially when British-Bee-Venom is injected intramuscularly.

(3) **Rheumatoid Arthritis**—In treating rheumatoid arthritis there is always some septic focus. Before any benefit

therefore may be obtained from British-Bee-Venom this septic focus must be removed. The maximum improvement has resulted from the following treatment :
A "Normal" course of British-Bee-Venom combined with six injections of 2 c.c. Antibacsyn. The Antibacsyn is given with each of the first six ampoules of venom. The remaining six ampoules of the course being given alone. The Antibacsyn is given subcutaneously — the British-Bee-Venom is best given intramuscularly. If necessary the "Strong" course should follow.

(4) **Osteo-Arthritis**—Cases of osteo-arthritis improve when British-Bee-Venom is given. There is a definite loosening of the joints and more freedom of movement. The best result is obtained by giving the British-Bee-Venom in a number of *small* intradermal injections. Certain clinicians definitely assert that a restoration of destroyed tissues takes place.

THE FOLLOWING EXCERPTS SHOW SATISFACTION WITH THE TREATMENT :

(1) "I have just finished my first case with your treatment and so far the results have been very good."

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(2) "Mrs. S., age 57. Fibrositis of neck and shoulders, causing headache with restricted and painful movement. 1 course (weak) British-Bee-Venom cured condition entirely."

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(3) "Mrs. T., age 51. Rheumatoid Arthritis ; with Fibrositis of back and shoulders. Much improved with one course of venom. Is now going on to strong course."

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(4) "I have tried Bee-Venom on three cases of Rheumatism and in all have met with a better success than I could ever have hoped from any other form of treatment. Unfortunately in two of the cases, the pains are still there, but of a much lesser character now, allowing the patient to sleep and thereby aiding in improving the general health. The third case was when a girl (20 years) had a second attack of Rheumatic Fever. The injections abated the pain very quickly, allowing of massage at a sooner date than otherwise, and in my opinion prevented or helped to prevent further Cardiac damage, as in this case I was able to prevent any fresh Cardiac involvement. This I attribute to British-Bee-Venom."

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(5) "Please forward by return a stronger course of the Bee-Venom for further treatment of the same case. Results so far are encouraging."

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(6) "Five out of the six people I used Bee-Venom on for Rheumatism have definitely benefited, it is nearly a year since I used it, I believe, and they say they will have some more injections if it comes on again."

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(7) "There is no doubt of its benefit to myself."

PRICES

"Normal" course of 12 graduated 1 c.c. ampoules	**£1 0 0**
"Strong" course of 12 graduated 1 c.c. ampoules	**£1 10 0**

(Subject to 10 per cent. professional discount.)

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